

### 1871.103

(3) The acquisition does not exceed \$15,000,000 for the total requirement.

#### 1871.103 Definitions.

The following terms are used throughout part 1871 as defined in this subpart.

(a) MidRange procurement procedure means a set of procedures contained in this part and within the applicability of 1871.102.

(b) Request for Offer (RFO) means the solicitation used to request offers for all authorized MidRange procurements.

(c) Clarification and Discussion are used as defined in FAR 15.306.

(d) Commercial item is used as defined in FAR 2.101.

#### 1871.104 Policy.

(a) Unless stated otherwise, acquisitions conducted using MidRange procedures shall comply with all applicable parts of the FAR and NFS (e.g. FAR 15.4 and 1815.4—Contract Pricing, and FAR 19.7 and 1819.7—The Small Business Subcontracting Program).

(b) Acquisitions conducted under Part 1871, unless otherwise properly restricted under the provisions of FAR Part 6, are considered to be full and open competition after exclusion of sources when set aside for competitions among small business concerns (FAR 6.203), 8(a) concerns (FAR 6.204), or HUBZone small businesses (FAR 6.205).

(c) Options may be included in the acquisition provided they conform to 1871.102(a).

(d) The appropriate part 1871 post-selection processes (negotiation, award, and publication of award) may be used to the extent applicable for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR), broad agency announcements, unsolicited proposals, and Small Business Administration 8(a) acquisitions within the applicability of 1871.102(a).

(e) The NASA Acquisition Internet Service (NAIS) will be used to the maximum extent practicable to disseminate advance acquisition information and conduct part 1871 acquisitions.

(f) Use of locally generated forms is encouraged where their use will contribute to the efficiency and economy of the process. NASA Forms 1667, Request for Offer, and 1668, Contract, or

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computer generated versions of these forms, may be used as the solicitation and contract cover sheets, respectively, except that the SF1442, Solicitation, Offer, and Award (Construction, Alteration, or Repair), shall be used for construction acquisitions and the SF1449, Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items, shall be used for commercial item acquisitions. Contractor generated forms or formats for solicitation response should be allowed whenever possible. There is no requirement for uniform formats (see FAR 15.204).

#### Subpart 1871.2—Planning and Requirements Process

##### 1871.201 Use of buying team.

MidRange procedures are based on the use of a buying team to conduct the procurement. The concept is to designate individuals who are competent in their respective functional areas, provide those individuals with the basic authority to conduct the procurement and hold them accountable for the results. The buying team will normally consist of one technical member and one procurement member, but may be augmented with additional members as necessary. Personnel providing normal functional assistance to the team (e.g., legal, financial) will not be considered a part of the team unless so designated. To function properly, the team should be given the maximum decision authority in matters related to the procurement. When higher level management approvals remain essential, it will be incumbent upon the functional team member to obtain such approvals.

##### 1871.202 Organizational responsibilities.

###### 1871.202–1 Requiring organization.

The requirements organization shall appoint, by name, the technical member of the buying team. This individual will normally be an end user or the one most familiar with the technical aspects of the requirement. The individual appointed, whatever the relationship with the procured item, is expected to totally fulfill the responsibilities to the buying team.